

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. 2:95-cr-20 WBS

Plaintiff,

v.

ORDER

JUAN AGUILAR-CORTEZ,

Defendant.

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Defendant Juan Aguilar-Cortez has filed a motion for appointment of counsel (Docket No. 329) to assist with his request for compassionate release under 18 U.S.C. § 3582 (Docket No. 326). There is no Sixth Amendment or statutory right to counsel for a motion under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c). United States v. Bond, Case No. LA CR94-563 JAK, 2020 WL 4340257, at \*1 (C.D. Cal. Feb. 25, 2020) (citing United States v. Townsend, 98 F.3d 510, 512-13 (9th Cir. 1996); United States v. Whitebird, 55 F.3d 1007, 1010-11 (5th Cir. 1995)).

Here, good cause has not been shown to appoint counsel

1 for defendant's compassionate release motion. The court notes  
2 that numerous defendants have filed compassionate release motions  
3 seeking modification of their sentences on account of COVID-19  
4 and their particular circumstances, that defendant has already  
5 filed such a motion, and that it is not clear what assistance  
6 defendant requires at this point.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the request for  
7 appointed counsel is DENIED.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 Dated: December 2, 2020



10 WILLIAM B. SHUBB  
11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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28 se motions, notwithstanding his contention that he is illiterate  
and that his primary language is Spanish.